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INTENSIVE COTTON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored Scheme on Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) has been implemented in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;

(c) the Central allocation made and State Government's share in the scheme during each of the last three years; and

(d) the extent to which the scheme succeeded in achieving its target for the said period in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Intensive Cotton Development Programme is under implementation in the country during Ninth Plan. The funding of scheme on different components is shared mostly on 75:25 basis between Government of India and States, respectively. The scheme has so far been implemented in eleven major cotton gowing States including Gujarat, which is now being extended to another four non-traditional but potential States also. The States are assisted for the transfer of technology through field demonstration, integrated-pest-management demonstration and farmers training. Scheme also provides assistance to farmers for the use of critical inputs such as certified seeds of newer varieties, sprayers/dusters, water-saving devices like drip and sprinkler irrigation systems.

(c) The Central allocation made and the share of State Government of Gujarat during last three years, are as under:-

Allocation (Rs. In lakh)

Year	Central Share	State Share
1997-98	88.32	29.44
1998-99	118.69	39.56
1999-2000	300.00	100.00

(d) The implementation of Scheme has helped in the enhancement of cotton production in the State of Gujarat, which is clear from data given below:-

Year	Production (lakh bales of 170 Kg each)
1990-1991	13.23
1996-1997	26.58
1997-1998	31.80
1998-1999	39.35